

U.S. Consulate General St. Petersburg, Russia

**Absentee Voting Day -- Friday, October 5, 2012 at
Anglo-American School (AAS) in St. Petersburg**

U.S. citizen voters are invited to Absentee Voting Day at the Anglo-American School (AAS) in St. Petersburg on Friday, October 5, 2012, between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. AAS is located at Tatarskiy pereulok 3-5, near the zoo. American food (hamburgers and hot dogs) will be served during the event.

Consular officers and staff members from the U.S. Consulate General St. Petersburg will be on hand to assist U.S. voters to do the following:

- 1) Mail completed state absentee ballots to the United States for those voters who have already received and marked their ballots;
- 2) Fill out and mail Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWAB) for those voters who have registered to vote and requested a state ballot, but not yet received it;
- 3) Register to vote and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). It is NOT too late to register and request your ballot!

To help with planning the food purchases and other logistics, we ask that you RSVP to StPetersburgACS@state.gov if you plan to attend.

Don't forget – Election Day is November 6, 2012. Many states have registration and ballot request deadlines that are rapidly approaching. Please remember to request an absentee ballot so you can vote and make your voice heard. Also, remember that absentee ballots must be voted and sent before Election Day. We recommend sending your ballot no later than three weeks before Election Day if you are using the Consulate General to mail your ballot for you. Some states also allow you to return your voted ballot by fax or e-mail. Please explore that option if you are running short of time.

For information on electronic voter registration and absentee ballots, please visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at www.FVAP.gov. Forms, instructions, and postage-paid mailing envelopes are available on the website. The American Citizen Services (ACS) Unit at the Consulate General also has hard copies of these items.

If you cannot attend the October 5th Absentee Voting Day event at AAS, the Consulate General staff can still mail your ballot for you. Please drop off your ballot in the ACS Unit between 9

a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on workdays at the Consulate General at 15 Furshtatskaya Street. The Consulate mail may take up to three weeks to be delivered to the U.S., so please plan accordingly. You do not need an appointment if you only wish to drop off your ballot for mailing, but you must come between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on days that the Consulate General is open. The guards cannot accept voting materials after hours or on weekends. If you need further assistance, or have questions about voting, you should call us during our regular telephone-service hours or make an appointment for a personal consultation. Call the American Citizen Services section at +7-812-331-2600 (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m, Wed 3-5 p.m.) or send an e-mail to StPetersburgACS@state.gov. To schedule an appointment, go to our website at <http://stpetersburg.usconsulate.gov/visit.html> and make an appointment for a "notarial and other service."